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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

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QRP-L Digest 1395

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by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@mindspring.com>
- 30) [35482] Silk purse from a sow's ear (or, Long Live QRP!)
by "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
- 31) [35483] Re: "You're not in the book..."
by Russ Dow <n7dw@garlic.com>
- 32) [35484] NC20 Preamp Mod
by "David D. Meacham" <ddm@datatamers.com>
- 33) [35485] Re: "You're not in the book..."
by "Paul Helbert, Wv3j" <phelbert@rica.net>
- 34) [35486] ReProper response to QRL?
by Roy Lincoln <wa4dou@usa.net>
- 35) [35487] Re: QRPTTF?
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 36) [35488] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)
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- 37) [35489] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 38) [35490] Re: K4MSW/AG
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
- 39) [35491] QRPTTF Prelim. Info
by Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
- 40) [35492] Re: RED HOT
by DYARNES@aol.com
- 41) [35493] Re: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
by "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>
- 42) [35494] Re:QRL response
by Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@unicomp.net>
- 43) [35495] Re: "You're not in the book..."

by wa8rxi@juno.com

44) [35496] Re:QRL response
by "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>

45) [35497] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)
by "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>

46) [35498] Off-topic - Quoting (long)
by "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>

47) [35499] FS 1 Curtis 8043 and 1 Curtis 8044ABM chips
by pmk@juno.com

48) [35500] Re: You're not in the book...
by ka1iic <ka1iic@ime.net>

49) [35501] Re: "You're not in the book..."
by W5TB <w5tb@softhome.net>

50) [35502] Fw: Mercury Key
by "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>

51) [35503] Re: 'QRL? --- NO
by N9DD@aol.com

52) [35504] Re: Off-topic - Quoting (long)
by "Paul Helbert, Wv3j" <phelbert@rica.net>

53) [35505] Re: "You're not in the book..."(QRL?)
by af852@rgfn.epcc.edu (William R Colbert)

54) [35506] FCC - New Test for All Classes
by Tom Palmer <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>

55) [35507] FS: Misc. (Antenna tuner, SWR Power Meter, Filters, Kits etc.)
by "Ed Pacyna" <pacyna@worldnet.att.net>

56) [35508] I am not in the book eh ??? hum mm
by pmk@juno.com

57) [35509] Re: FCC - New Test for All Classes
by Thomas Isgro <kc8dgu@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>

58) [35510] Re: Off-topic - Quoting (long)
by Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@unicomp.net>

59) [35511] Re: FS 1 Curtis 8043 and 1 Curtis 8044ABM chips
by w4bws@juno.com

60) [35512] Re: 'QRL? --- NO
by "Paul Helbert, Wv3j" <phelbert@rica.net>

61) [35513] Re: Need suggestions for 10/15M Yagi
by Jim Hale <sunwatt@go.com>

62) [35514] Re: Thinking about an Outpost tripod
by VE3JC - John C <jbcumming@wwdc.com>

63) [35515] Re: No Contests on 30M
by "Mike =?ISO-8859-1?Q?N=D8WDM"?= <michaelbstjames@email.msn.com>

64) [35516] FS Heath Dip meter Model 1250
by "Richard Hensel" <rrhensel@sprintmail.com>

65) [35517] Re: ReProper response to QRL?
by K2UD@aol.com

66) [35518] Results of my QRP-1/ARRL survey.
by Glen Reid <k5fx@flash.net>

67) [35519] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)

by sholisky@ktca.org (Scott Holisky)

68) [35520] RE: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
by "Bob Gobrick" <rgobrick@worldnet.att.net>

69) [35521] Re: Left-hand vs Right-handed toroids
by guillotstutoring@juno.com

70) [35522] FS cross-needle meters
by James Skalski <jskalski@localnet.com>

71) [35523] Re: "You're not in the book..."
by "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>

72) [35524] World Radio
by "Bruce" <Bruce2@prodigy.net>

73) [35525] Re: New email address for KJ5TF
by Jay Bromley <w5jay@alltel.net>

74) [35526] Re: FCC - New Test for All Classes
by "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>

75) [35527] Re: "You're not in the book..."
by "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>

76) [35528] Re: World Radio
by PUNISHER3@aol.com

77) [35529] Re: "You're not in the book..."
by "James O'Keefe" <jimcwxr@svpal.org>

78) [35530] Re: GQRP - QRP ARCI "Four Days In May 99" March Update
by Dick Pascoe <Dick@kanga.demon.co.uk>

79) [35531] NC20 Help: AFA not announcing
by "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>

80) [35532] RE: NC20 Help: AFA not announcing: NEVER MIND!
by "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>

81) [35533] Re: World Radio <http://www.wr6wr.com/>
by "Alan Kaul W6RCL" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>

82) [35534] NC20!
by tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>

83) [35535] WARC Contesting
by Rick Sealey <rsealey@InfoAve.Net>

84) [35536] Re: You're not in the book...
by Rick Sealey <rsealey@InfoAve.Net>

85) [35537] NC20!
by "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

86) [35538] <<Sold>> FS 1 Curtis 8043 and 1 Curtis 8044ABM chips
by pmk@juno.com

87) [35539] "Not In The Book": Final Thoughts
by MJC191@aol.com

88) [35540] NC20 Want
by Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 17:16:37 -0700
From: kv7g@juno.com

To: radman@best.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35453] Re: info wanted/R.S. freq.counter
Message-ID: <19990313.171637.-68405.0.kv7g@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
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Hmmmm, it's been quite a while since I have done any math, but if I am correct that is an error of 1 part per million, I don't recall seeing any specs on anything that I could ever afford that is better than that. I think that exceeds specs required for commercial broadcast.

Bud - KV7G - Yuma, AZ

On Fri, 12 Mar 1999 12:36:05 -0800 "Radman" <radman@best.com> writes:

>Hi Bob et al,
>
>Here's what the RS freq counter displays when measuring a
>~ 12.0 MHz test point:
>
>SLOW GATE: 12.0331
>FAST GATE: 12.033
>
>As Chuck pointed out, this is not a perfect instrument.
>Mine's 10 Hz high at 10MHz.

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Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:31:45 -0800
From: w4bws@juno.com
To: stan@cruzio.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35454] Re: Need suggestions for 10/15M Yagi
Message-ID: <19990313.193309.-179313.0.w4bws@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
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You gotta pay fer that educated aluminum!!!
Don W4BWS

On Sat, 13 Mar 1999 12:31:53 -0800 Stan Goldstein <stan@cruzio.com>
writes:

>The stuff from "force 12 " claims to meet your needs.
>
>After the sticker shock from the major ant mfters' sinks in, be
>prepared to
>suffer another round .
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>Stan N6XU
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>Jim Hale wrote:
>>
>> My 2 ele quad is destroyed from last nights
>> ice. We got 1/2 - 1/4" of ice.
>>
>> Is there a Yagi with no traps that covers 10 & 15M bands? I'm
>looking at AES catalog today for ideas.
>> Stand by for sticker shock! hi
>>
>> How do they hold up with ice loads like got my quad?
>>
>> Thanks! de Jim
>>
>> __
>> <http://www.go.com>
>>
>> -----
>> Get your Free GO Network Email address at <http://mail.go.com>
>

Don Sanders W4BWS
694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd
Satellite Beach ,FL 32937
My favorite QRP rig glows in the dark

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:49:51 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35455] Re: 30m is WILD!!
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19990313194948.006f005c@kih.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

of the fact that the band is not eligible
>> for awards. Has this ARRL policy been changed in recent years?
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>Pete, I believe you are wrong. You can use dx worked on 30 meters for
>overall dxcc and CW DXCC. The ARRL just does not offer band endorsements
>(ie. 30 meter dxcc).

>

>73 de Dave, N0IT

Dave, thanks for clarifying this for me, I humbly stand corrected.

I guess I need a new handbook.

73 de Pete NV4V

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 17:08:34 PST
From: "Alan Fryer" <n3bj@hotmail.com>
To: plburbank@kih.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35456] Re: 30m is WILD!!
Message-ID: <19990314010834.29279.qmail@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain

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WARC bands, especially 30M. Anyone know why this is the case ?

Alan, N3BJ

-----Original Message Follows-----

From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
Reply-To: plburbank@kih.net
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: Re: 30m is WILD!!
Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:49:51 -0500

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Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 20:15:02 EST
From: J38AL@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35457] Fireball Amps & NC20 Custom Case
Message-ID: <b51f88cc.36eb0d96@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
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Went to a small local hamfest today and when I got home there was quite a surprise in my mail box - FIVE packages. Three Fireball amp bag-o-parts, three TiCKs, and two FB40 boards from the NJQRP club and they look great! A big hand to them for doing these kits as well as the previous FB40s. It must be like another full time job for them to do this - can't thank them enough.

The other two packages were from San Louis Machine Co. One was the custom case for my NC20. What a fantastic job on that case! That rig will be a thing of beauty when it's completed and I don't have much more to go. Just wind the last six toroids and do a little tweaking and thats all! Can't wait. Thanks to Doug at SLM Co.

The last one was a real pretty red powder coated base for my NorCal paddles. Always wanted to dress them up with one of Doug's bases but just never got around to ordering one. So I sent the order at the same time as the custom case and sure glad I did. They will look great sitting next to the NC20. AND also next to the upcoming Red Hot 40!!! It was worth the wait but wish I did order sooner. Again, a job well done.

Glad I chose to go QRP. Havn't been on the air much but am having a ball on QRP-L and reading QQ and QRPP - and of corse, building all these fun toys.

tnx & 72,

Al N2ZHS Scotia, NY

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 20:35:32 -0500
From: Mike Czuhajewski <wa8mcq@erols.com>
To: Rich Fisher <ki6sn@aol.com>
Cc: QRP forum <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, Bob Gobrick <rgobrick@worldnet.att.net>, Buck Switzer <n8cqa@tir.com>, Cam Bailey <kt3a@juno.com>, Danny Gingell <k3tks@abs.net>, Dave Johnson <wa4nid@amsat.org>, George Heron <n2apb@amsat.org>, Hank Kohl <k8dd@contesting.com>,

Subject: [35458] Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
Message-ID: <36EB1264.7923@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Rich, I just got my April issue of Worldradio today, and I agree with your opening statement that it's hard to believe you're now starting your seventh year as their QRP columnist. It seems like just yesterday that you took it over from Rich Arland, K7SZ (nee K7YHA), who himself had it for, what, five or six years after he took over from Fred Bonavita, W5QJM.

Worldradio has been a real supporter of QRP over the years, with a QRP column every month for what seems like forever. Having QRP right up there with all the other columns, issue after issue, really sends a message to the general ham public that QRP is an interesting, worthwhile and very active niche of ham radio with a lot of followers.

I've really enjoyed your column over the years, as well as your Member News column in the QRP Quarterly, both of which have always been very interesting and extremely well written. Definitely a cut above, as is everything you've written for the Adventure Radio Society online journal, the Sojourner.

And here's a shameless plug for Worldradio, in which I have no other interest than as a longtime reader. It's a really nice monthly, with lots of news, articles and columns on a variety of ham topics such as 10-10, computers, contests, DX, mobile, propagation, QRP, SAR, youth, YL, county hunting, satellites, QCWA, MARS, handi-hams, RFI, CW, etc. (Not all columns appear monthly, although QRP does.)

Not in the least stuffy, always lots of good, interesting articles on a lot of things, and the price is quite reasonable (\$15 a year in the US). You can take a look at their web page at www.wr6wr.com. I tried it tonight and not everything on it works at the moment since they're undergoing some changes and upgrades. However, you can pull down samples of their columns if you wish.

Warning--don't expect super-slick, ultra-white paper :-). It's printed on newsprint. When my first subscription copy arrived, my wife almost threw it out with the junk mail! She thought it was some sort of advertising. Now she knows better :-). Everyone's tastes vary, of course, but I find that I usually spend a lot more time reading Worldradio than I do QST. Definitely worth checking out.

(Don't expect a lot of build-it articles. They do have some on rare

occasions, like the nifty QRP accessory by W7DE in the March issue, but not much. If that's your main interest in ham radio, you'll be disappointed. It's more of a good, folksy, informative newsmagazine, for lack of a better term. And I've enjoyed the heck out of it for quite a few years.)

And again, my thanks to Rich for all the excellent QRP writing he's done over the years, both in the QRP Quarterly and in the mainstream ham press. It's greatly appreciated.

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73 and Queue Our Pea de WA8MCQ wa8mcq@erols.com
President, QRP ARCI

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 20:42:31 EST
From: MJC191@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35459] "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <5e0bf49c.36eb1407@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Dear Gang,

I had an experience today that I have never had before in almost 20 years on the air. I went up to 7.131 to maybe have a nice QSO with a newcomer, and called CQ several times. Finally I was answered by a station who sent " SN ??"

I sent my call again, and he came back with "UR not in the book."

I returned with, "SRI OM, how old is your book? I got this call in Feb 98. PSE, What is ur call?"

He refused to give his call, and instead sent, "My book is 97, and u are not in book. Pirate?"

I sent back "No pirate, extra class...look under my old call KC1WK for 97 book"

He sent (still not giving his call) "AS...sri om u are not in book..get off air."

Is there a full moon out???

NA1XX // Mike Not The Pirate
QRP-L # 1588

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:27:26 -0700 (MST)

From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35460] RE: 30m is WILD!
Message-ID: <199903140227.TAA00831@usr07.primenet.com>

Alan (N3BJ) wrote:

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> It's kinda a shame that full blown contesting is not "allowed" on the
> WARC bands, especially 30M. Anyone know why this is the case ?

It's really just a "gentleman's agreement", don't think there's anything in writing. But I feel the lack of contesting on WARC bands is a good thing.

I *really* enjoy contesting, QRP ones in particular, but there are times when I just want to ragchew. Combined with the power limit of 200W on 30M, it makes for a nice relaxed atmosphere. Not a lot of Type A personalities QRM'ing folks there. :-)

Think of the WARC bands like a nature preserve. Natural, calm, taking you back to simpler, more polite times. :)

Worked Tord in Sweden and Kou in Japan last night, both nice folks and good ops. WARC bands seem to be the last spots where you can actually chat with DX. Not sure if the lack of contesting contributes to that factor, but if it ain't broke, don't fix it. :-)

Hope to hear you out there!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"What, a raw frog?!? Don't you even take the bones out?!?"

"If we took the bones out they wouldn't be crunchy, would they?"

-- Monty Python

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:33:21 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35461] Re: You're not in the book...
Message-ID: <199903140233.TAA01195@usr07.primenet.com>

NA1XX wrote:

>
> I sent back "No pirate, extra class...look under my old call
> KC1WK for 97 book". He sent (still not giving his call) "AS...
> sri om u are not in book..get off air."

Sounds like another round of budget cuts forced
a few more "patients" onto the streets, one of
which found a radio in a basement. :-)

I hope you continued to call CQ, and this fruit
loop moved on to wrapping aluminum foil around
his head to keep out the alien mind control rays.

Art Bell is back on the air....

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"And then you must cut down the mightiest tree in the
forest with... A HERRING!"

- Monty Python

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 21:46:47 -0500
From: Steve <smann@advi.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35462] Re: You're not in the book...
Message-ID: <36EB2317.2B71@advi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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A similar thing happened to me back in the mid-70s when I first received
my N4EY call. A new ham was calling CQ CQ CQ on a 2m repeater. When I
answered him he had me repeat my call three times before he advised me
that there was no such thing as 1X2 call letters and that I was

obviously a fake. He then began calling CQ CQ CQ on the repeater again.

At times we just have to forgive the enthusiam of those new to ham radio!

Steve, N4ET
ARRL Life Member
TOAST, NC

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:50:34 -0700
From: "M. Monninger" <markem@primenet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35463] Re: You're not in the book...
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.19990313195034.00845d70@pop.primenet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Good one, Joe. Reminds me of an experience a few years ago when I first got my Extra. I kept my Advanced call (waiting until the FCC got close to the AA7T's) and was calling a friend in the Extra part of 20M for a sked. Some OF came on and started hollering about this being the Extra part of the band and to go back to the Advanced part where I belonged, etc. etc. He just didn't understand that I could have an Extra ticket but still keep the Advanced call. After a few minutes my friend came on and we had a nice QSO, ignoring the OF band cop.

73... Mark AA7TA

At 07:33 PM 3/13/99 -0700, Joe Gervais wrote:

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Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 21:55:14 -0800
From: "Gary McCaughey" <MAIL4GARY@worldnet.att.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35464] No Contests on 30M
Message-ID: <001501be6ddf\$401c8ca0\$c705460c@garymcca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Thank god there is at least one safe haven on a contest weekend! (Sorry Alan)

Gary
W2UX
Lexington, SC

CW is the REAL THING, USE IT or LOSE IT!

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 18:58:09 -0800
From: Vic Rosenthal <rakefet@rakefet.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35465] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <36EB25C1.D3C5EEB7@rakefet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

MJC191@aol.com wrote:

>
> He sent (still not giving his call) "AS...sri om u are not in book..get off
> air."

Once, when I lived in 4X, I had a sked with a guy here in the USA. We had chosen 14.012 for the sked. At the appointed time, I started calling my friend, only to be answered by someone who said "you can't work him here, he's in my call book as an advanced". I told the helpful individual that my friend had picked the QRG and that I was sure he knew what his license allowed! Nope, the guy said, "QSY, you may not work this station on this frequency".

Needless to say, the guy didn't get a 4X QSL. And when my friend finally came

along he was a lot louder than the policeman, whom we proceeded to ignore.

73,
Vic, K2VCO
Fresno CA

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:06:18 -0500 (EST)
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
To: Mike Czuhajewski <wa8mcq@erols.com>
Cc: Rich Fisher <ki6sn@aol.com>, QRP forum <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, Bob Gobrick
<rgobrick@worldnet.att.net>, Buck Switzer <n8cqa@tir.com>,
Cam Bailey <kt3a@juno.com>, Dave Johnson <wa4nid@amsat.org>, George Heron
<n2apb@amsat.org>, Hank Kohl <k8dd@contesting.com>,
Subject: [35466] Re: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.990313215516.2450B-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I also received my copy today, read the best part already. :^)
QRP Column of course. :^)

Mikes comments brought to mind the recent discussion of consideration
of new publicity ideas.

We should definately consider World Radio as One of the QRP Advert spots.

You might also note that many QRP Vendors also Chose that publication.

Sir George, The First :^)

72 ES
QRP DX TU (C) 1986, G. "Danny" Gingell, K3TKS@ abs.net
QRP A.R.C.I. Net Manager and Board of Director Member.
Gingell & Company, Ltd. Small Business Telephone Systems
Notary Public and Locksmith Services
George D. Gingell, Jr. 3052 Fairland Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904-7117
Maryland Milliwatt Club QRP Reference Library, (301)572-6789
Maryland Milliwatt Club Founder and Trustee of Club Station - WQ3RP -
Grid Square FM19mb 76.94 W - 39.06 N Silver Spring, MD 20904 QRPea.A.

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:09:10 EST
From: N9DD@aol.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35467] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <fe3c4849.36eb2856@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 3/13/99 8:46:04 PM US Eastern Standard Time, MJC191@aol.com writes:

<< I had an experience today that I have never had before in almost 20 years on the air. I went up to 7.131 to maybe have a nice QSO with a newcomer, and called CQ several times. Finally I was answered by a station who sent " SN ??" >>

That kind of reminds me of the time I was in a nice QSO when I heard someone come on frequency and send "QRL?". So, I sent "C" which means "yes" (or so I've read many times.) The other op sent ?, so I responded with another "C". He sent "what is C ?"

I sent "yes, QRL". By now of course, my nice QSO was pretty much ruined. The QRLing op sent "You need to read your novice manual".

Now I've been a ham for over 25 years. I'm far from perfect, but I pride myself in at least trying to use proper procedure. As a novice, I remember reading a nice guide put out by the ARRL called "Your Novice Accent". I must have read it a hundred times. It did a wonderful job of explaining proper CW procedure. I know that "C" is a common abbreviation for "yes" and is often sent in response to a "QRL?".

I had thoughts of sending a letter to the breaking op to set him straight but figured it probably wouldn't do any good. In time, he would probably hear someone else send a "C" in response to his QRL? and might look it up somewhere.

It doesn't pay to get mad at ops who don't know or appreciate proper procedure. There are too few of us as it is. Just try to set a good example and hope that the newbies will learn by listening. I'm sure that the guy who questioned your call would learn in time that not all calls are in his book (or on his CD :-))

73,

Tom N9DD
South Bend, IN
QRP since '73!

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 21:10:20 -0600
From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>
To: plburbank@kih.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35468] Re: 30m is WILD!!
Message-ID: <36EB289B.1196A6AE@swbell.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Pete Burbank wrote:

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> of the fact that the band is not eligible
> >> for awards. Has this ARRL policy been changed in recent years?
> >
> >Pete, I believe you are wrong. You can use dx worked on 30 meters for
> >overall dxcc and CW DXCC. The ARRL just does not offer band endorsements
> >(ie. 30 meter dxcc).
> >
> >73 de Dave, N0IT
> Dave, thanks for clarifying this for me, I humbly stand corrected.
> I guess I need a new handbook.
> 73 de Pete NV4V

Only reason I knew it was I once worked an all time new one on 30, so it was important to find out. HI

73 de Dave, N0IT

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:13:48 -0800
From: Jeff Grudin <grudin@pacific.vdbs.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35469] QRPTTF?
Message-ID: <36EB296C.EFA65484@vdbs.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Is there any place on the web with the dates for the 1999 QRPTTF?

It is getting to be time to make plans/reservations.

Thanks.

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73 de AC6KW <mailto:grudin@vdbs.com>
Jeff Grudin, DVM Web Add: <http://www.vdbs.com/~grudin>
Ocean Animal Clinic / Cat Clinic of Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz, California
Norcal QRP #1292 QRP-L #16 ARS #351 AR Qrp #131

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:23:01 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>
To: <N9DD@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35470] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <003301be6dc9\$fad6fc80\$010044c0@mdp23b>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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-----Original Message-----

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someone
>come on frequency and send "QRL?". So, I sent "C" which means "yes" (or so
>I've read many times.) The other op sent ?, so I responded with another
"C".

In the past few months, I have yet to run across a QRL?-ing station
recognize C, and it seems like 1 in 10 recognize ie, so I've gone to the
long, and annoying, Y E S

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://users.tm.net/jjmcd/>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:41:03 -0800
From: w4bws@juno.com
To: MJC191@AOL.COM
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35471] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <19990313.224405.-223401.1.w4bws@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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A good example of "a little knowledge is dangerous"
W4BWS

On Sat, 13 Mar 1999 20:42:31 EST MJC191@aol.com writes:

>Dear Gang,
> I had an experience today that I have never had before in almost
>20
>years on the air. I went up to 7.131 to maybe have a nice QSO with a
>newcomer, and called CQ several times. Finally I was answered by a
>station
>who sent " SN ??"
>I sent my call again, and he came back with "UR not in the book."
>I returned with, "SRI OM, how old is your book? I got this call in Feb
>98.
>PSE, What is ur call?"
>He refused to give his call, and instead sent, "My book is 97, and u
>are not
>in book. Pirate?"
>I sent back "No pirate, extra class...look under my old call KC1WK for
>97
>book"
>He sent (still not giving his call) "AS...sri om u are not in
>book..get off
>air."
>
>Is there a full moon out???
>
>NA1XX // Mike Not The Pirate
>QRP-L # 1588
>

Don Sanders W4BWS
694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd
Satellite Beach ,FL 32937
My favorite QRP rig glows in the dark

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:38:00 -0800
From: w4bws@juno.com
To: n3bj@hotmail.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35472] Re: 30m is WILD!!
Message-ID: <19990313.224405.-223401.0.w4bws@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

YES, So we can operate on 30,17,12 when the other bands full of
contesters.

Don W4BWS

On Sat, 13 Mar 1999 17:08:34 PST "Alan Fryer" <n3bj@hotmail.com> writes:

>It's kinda a shame that full blown contesting is not "allowed" on the

>

>WARC bands, especially 30M. Anyone know why this is the case ?

>

>

>Alan, N3BJ

>

>-----Original Message Follows-----

>From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>

>Reply-To: plburbank@kih.net

>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

>Subject: Re: 30m is WILD!!

>Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:49:51 -0500

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>of the fact that the band is not eligible

>> for awards. Has this ARRL policy been changed in recent years?

>>

>>Pete, I believe you are wrong. You can use dx worked on 30 meters

>for

>>overall dxcc and CW DXCC. The ARRL just does not offer band

>endorsements

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Don Sanders W4BWS

694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd

Satellite Beach ,FL 32937

My favorite QRP rig glows in the dark

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:58:28 -0500 (EST)

From: "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@oakland.edu>

To: wo7t@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35473] REPAIR JOB: New HINT! Re: \$0.84 Investment nets working NC-20
Message-ID: <Pine.0SF.3.95.990313224552.22315A-100000@saturn.acs.oakland.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sat, 13 Mar 1999 wo7t@juno.com wrote:

> Some back time, I dropped a note to the list complaining of a soft
> (volume) pulsing tone buried within my sidetone of the NC-20.

That is the EXACT beep beep beep beep... noise I hear. I'm curious if anyone hears it if you turn the sidetone of the NC-20 down quite low? Perhaps it's "normal?"

> Additionally, I had harsh klunk in speaker upon key up. Initial parties

That's MY problem #2!

> some serious hang time on the AGC after key up. Had to shoot standing
> voltage via VR5 up to 8V before I had half-way decent recovery.

That's my problem number 3 and also my "patch" for it!

> Taking the advice of Gary N7IR's posting, I invested in two 2N5457s (from
> Tech America- \$0.42) to improve upon the hit and miss characteristics of
> the MPF102s. Popped both in the board (Q1 & Q9) this morning, and fired
> things up.

>

> - No annoying pulsing tone mixed in with sidetone.
> - No harsh Key Click sound back out speaker/sidetone
> - AGC working good with Voltage dropped back to 5.5V

Well... looks like a call to Tech America will set this whole thing straight! THANKS TO ALL for posting and putting up with the public "REPAIR JOB" thread.

73! =paul= W8KC
Collector of Ten*Tecs and other fine plastics
<<http://www.acs.oakland.edu/~prvalko>>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 04:02:38 +0000

From: "Walter D. Amos" <waltk8cv@surfree.com>
To: MJC191@aol.com
Cc: Qrp-l Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35474] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <36EB34DE.C6BDBA89@surfree.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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My god! What BOOK, do they still produce callbooks? I thought those thing went to CD rom year ago? Guess not. Welcome to the world of DX POLICEMEN , you have found where they get there training he he :-)

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Walt K8CV Royal Oak, Michigan, qrp-l # 935, Zombie # 188 !
"We're just a small sub-group of an eclectic corner of a dying hobby!"

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:18:12 EST
From: N9DD@aol.com
To: prvalko@oakland.edu
Cc: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35475] Re: REPAIR JOB: New HINT! Re: \$0.84 Investment nets working NC-20
Message-ID: <22b53ce7.36eb3884@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 3/13/99 11:00:08 PM US Eastern Standard Time,
prvalko@oakland.edu writes:

<< THANKS TO ALL for posting and putting up with the public
"REPAIR JOB" thread. >>

Hey Paul!

I doubt there is any need to apologize to most of the gang here. I really enjoy the threads about specific problems with rigs. I always learn something from the troubleshooting techniques that the postings reveal. One of my favorite threads from years past was when a couple of the guys took turns on an old "RadioKit" basket case. I don't remember if it was ever written up in one of the QRP club newsletters, but it should have been.

Thanks, and keep 'em coming!

73,

Tom N9DD
South Bend, IN

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:22:28 -0500
From: Frank Alwine <n1gpy@together.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35476] Re: FS: Yaesu FT840 (to fund QRP) SOLD
Message-ID: <36EB3984.EFF1A981@together.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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The FT840 has been sold (traded, actually)... thanks to all who made offers. This group has to be the best bunch of hams on the 'net!

72, Frank KT1VT

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:21:31 -0900
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>
To: "qrp-l@lehigh.edu" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35477] Brown Keys - Precision Made
Message-ID: <36EB394A.C00F5A51@pobox.alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Greetings from Alaska,

I was cleaning up in the garage and stumbled onto something a fun. I discovered a Brown Bros. Mach. Co. brochure. It is done up in black and red ink and has lots of nice pictures. I have it dated 25 Jan 1978. It shows the following models:

Model

UTL-A Twin Lever Key Unit designed to be mounted in electronic keyers, portable equipment, etc. shipping wt. 3/4 lbs. \$20.95

BTL-A Twin Lever Key can be used with any electronic key. shipping wt 2 3/4 lbs. \$27.45

CTL-A is a combination of a twin lever and a heavy duty straight key mounted on a 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch base. Shipping wt. 3 1/2 lbs. \$32.95

ST Key is a heavy duty straight key mounted on a 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch base. the silver contacts are 1/4 inch. shipping wt 2 1/2 lbs \$13.95

Prices are F.O.B. St. Louis. Please include Postage \$1.25

Of course there is much more information but I thought some of you might enjoy hearing about these old time key and twin lever keys and what they cost 21 years ago.

73, Jim, AL7FS -- Anchorage, Alaska
mailto:al7fs@qsl.net
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:21:57 EST
From: N9DD@aol.com
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35478] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <e7a5f61f.36eb3965@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 3/13/99 11:17:09 PM US Eastern Standard Time, prvalko@oakland.edu writes:

<<
I'm not the brightest bulb in the box, but I also would not have known what a "C" meant as a reply to QRL. >>

Hmmm....

Maybe I need to rethink things. I don't always send a "C", I often send an "R" or reply with another "QRL". What do most of you guys use in response to a "QRL?"

Tom N9DD

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:43:49 EST

From: Macstein@aol.com
To: prvalko@oakland.edu
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35479] Re: REPAIR JOB: New HINT! Re: \$0.84 Investment nets working NC-20
Message-ID: <73c6837b.36eb3e85@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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> Well... looks like a call to Tech America will set this whole thing
> straight! THANKS TO ALL for posting and putting up with the public
> "REPAIR JOB" thread.

Paul and all,

This is why I like this list! I learn tons from the suggestions and the problems. I wish MORE people would share theirs. I have a folder now for NC20 postings, and can't wait to receive it in the mail! Thanks to all who sent me their collection of NC20 info -- 'specially Jim and Mitch.

-MAC-
KF4KSM

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:58:59 -0600
From: sda <sda@bellsouth.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35480] K4MSW/AG
Message-ID: <199903140458.XAA11559@mail2.lig>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Woop! Passed the general last Thursday night. Now I can hang with ya'll on the QRP freqs. I was checking out 7040 tonight...WOW. Majorly different from the novice bands. Hadn't spent much time outside of novice bands, and I was really surprized how easy it is to snag a qso (then again maybe just a fluke). Just 2 rounds of CQ and I snagged KI0ET in Springfield, MO using an OHR Explorer II (40 meters) running about 2 watts... got a 579, and I was really happy. I used to call CQ on novice bands for

10-15 minutes
with no response.

Other thing I noticed about 7040 is that a lot of the people who get on it are sending at about 23-28 wpm...yikes--out of my league for now.

I built a surface mount tick keyer tonight, and used a radio shack 2xAA plastic battery enclosure with guts hollowed out (RS 270-408), for the case of the keyer. Worked great. Even made a hole for the piezo so I can get external sidetone if needed. Used a 3V Lithium Battery and battery holder (RS 23-162 & 270-430) and mounted the paddle/keyline jacks on the end, the pushbutton on the top, and the hole for the piezo on the top.

Need to finish up the Rainbow tuner and then next project is the NC20. I have been itching to dig into the NC20, but want to wait until I have more time.

Thanks to everyone who sent in pics for the web page. I have them all sorted, and will hopefully get them up sometime tomorrow if time allows. If not, they should be up by next weekend.

Hope to work some QRP-L people on 40/30meters soon. Be listening for dahdidah dididididah dahdah dididit didahdah dahdiditdahdit didah dahdahdit =)

Peace and 72/73 ya'll,

Todd Atkins, K4MSW
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
<http://www.qsl.net/k4msw>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 00:10:09 -0500
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@mindspring.com>
To: <sda@bellsouth.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35481] RE: K4MSW/AG
Message-ID: <000101be6dd8\$ee896da0\$01010101@n4xy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

FANTASTIC Todd!!! That's great news. I (somehow) recall how great it was to have so many QSP opportunities when I got mine in 1961. Keep up the good work, and work on that code for EXTRA. Don't worry about calling me or anybody else on 7040... it is only common courtesy to QRS to the lower sending rate-whether calling, or being called. And, while there are folks on the bands who won't do that, most of the QRP guys here on QRPL and other QRPers, will cheerfully slow down for you.

72 / 73 Ed N4XY

Ed Tanton N4XY EMAIL: n4xy@mindspring.com
189 Pioneer Trail
Marietta, GA 30068-3466 TEL: (770)579-3933

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*BoatAnchors *Test Equipment *Photography

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"Think you can, think you can't:  
either way you're right!" Henry Ford  
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Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 22:16:47 -0700
From: "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35482] Silk purse from a sow's ear (or, Long Live QRP!)
Message-ID: <000301be6dd9\$dcb60600\$31a4fc9e@davidek>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Gang,

Just had a really enjoyable evening, working on my NC20 (okay, I was one of those who got in on the surplus batch a week ago). Spent some of my afternoon and evening on construction, and just finished slobbering in the parts for the RIT & tune section when the power went out! Well, after the usual ruckus caused by such events (groping for flashlights, saying bad words, etc.) I remembered that my DMM was battery operated, and so is my NC20, so I sat down with the flashlight and finished the tests for that section.

(BTW, I know it's all been said before, but I gotta add my attaboys/attagirls for the NC20--it's really a sweet kit. Keeps me on my toes, too--that board's packed pretty tight, and I gotta double check to make sure I'm reading the right part number next to the holes!)

Anyhoo, here I was sitting in the dark, with my flashlight, thinking "what do I do now to occupy myself?" Then, it occurs to me: "dummy, you've got battery-operated rigs all over the place--use one!" So, I fire up my SW+40 (too long since I was on the air anyway--been spending more time at the soldering iron than at the key) and toss out a quick CQ. First time, someone comes back to me--strong signal! I send the usual stuff, giving him a 599. He comes back and apologizes 'cause he can only give me a 559, and wonders if I'm QRP? "You betcha!" I say, and we proceed to have one of the most enjoyable ragchews I've had in recent memory. He even cut power down to near-QRP levels! And he got a great laugh when I told him my paddles were an old converted computer mouse.

Finally, when the power came back, I told him I needed to go reset all the blinking clocks in the house and sent my 73. What a wonderful evening! Who'da thunk that a power outage could be so much fun?

72 de Dave AB0GO
Colorado Springs

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 21:19:30 -0800
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@garlic.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35483] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <36EB46E2.E6BAE06@garlic.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Count me among the "not the brightest bulb" group -- I usually answer "R" or "YES". Never heard "C" but I'd recognize the meaning. On the "no" side I often I hear "NO", "GA", or "K" so I figure they're acceptable and I use them myself, particularly the latter. I checked in my ARRL Operating Manual (6th edition, Pp. 3-12 and 17-26), and the reply they suggest is simply "QRL _____", meaning "I am busy with _____".

I'm not a purist, so for me anything is cool that gets the meaning across.

Russ N7DW
FISTS #4714

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>  
> <<  
> I'm not the brightest bulb in the box, but I also would not have known  
> what a "C" meant as a reply to QRL. >>  
>  
> Hmmmm....  
>  
> Maybe I need to rethink things. I don't always send a "C", I often send an  
> "R" or reply with another "QRL". What do most of you guys use in response to a  
> "QRL?"  
>  
> Tom N9DD
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Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 21:16:30 -0800 (PST)
From: "David D. Meacham" <ddm@datatamers.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [35484] NC20 Preamp Mod
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.96.990313210640.6446A-100000@dt1.datatamers.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

NC20 Builders:

This simple mod improves the MDS (receiver sensitivity) by more than 1dB.
Just add a 220pF capacitor (under the board) across C22. I used a C0G mono

cap. Retune TC5 for maximum signal. If you run out of tuning range, spread the turns on L3, or, in an extreme case, remove one turn. This mod increases the load impedance seen by Q5 from 365 Ohms to 1200 Ohms, and increases the loaded Q of the tuned circuit from 2.3 to 8.8. You will notice the sharper tuning of TC5.

72, Dave, W6EMD, Redwood City, CA

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 00:45:52 -0500
From: "Paul Helbert, Wv3j" <phelbert@rica.net>
To: n7dw@garlic.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35485] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <36EB4D10.DD7A4AD2@rica.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>On the "no" side I often I hear "NO", "GA", or "K" so I figure they're
>acceptable and I use them...

Well, they are NOT acceptable because one cannot know that the frequency is available, only that it is busy. The only acceptable "no" response is silence. The fellow sending "QSL?" has already listened and heard no activity when he asked and although it sounds clear to you also, that is not what he wants to know, so he will ignore your "no" and listen for a "C", "QRL" or whatever and hearing none will commence to call on that frequency.

How's that for a run-on sentence?

Paul, Wv3j

Date: 14 Mar 99 01:07:55 EST
From: Roy Lincoln <wa4dou@usa.net>
To: jjmcd@tm.net, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35486] ReProper response to QRL?
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

why not send "r" de wa4dou-----

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-----Original Message-----

From: N9DD@aol.com <N9DD@aol.com>

>That kind of reminds me of the time I was in a nice QSO when I heard someone

>come on frequency and send "QRL?". So, I sent "C" which means "yes" (or = so

>I've read many times.) The other op sent ?, so I responded with another "C".

In the past few months, I have yet to run across a QRL?-ing station recognize C, and it seems like 1 in 10 recognize ie, so I've gone to the long, and annoying, Y E S

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://users.tm.net/jjmcd/>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

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Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:11:31 -0700 (MST)

From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

To: grudin@pacific.vdbs.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [35487] Re: QRPTTF?

Message-ID: <199903140611.XAA24805@usr04.primenet.com>

Jeff (AC6KW) wrote:

>

> Is there any place on the web with the dates for the 1999 QRPTTF?

>

> It is getting to be time to make plans/reservations.

Doug and Paul are hammering out some last-minute details, so the full announcement will be sent to QRP-L and posted on the NorCal website (and others) soon. Sorry for the delay.

April 24th is the day, either way. :-) Hope to hear you

out there!

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"If it ain't fun, you ain't doin' it right!" -The AZ ScQRPions

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:19:52 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35488] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)
Message-ID: <199903140619.XAA25049@usr04.primenet.com>

Tom (N9DD) wrote:

>
> Maybe I need to rethink things. I don't always send a "C", I often send an
> "R" or reply with another "QRL". What do most of you guys use in response to
> a "QRL?"

Well, technically ANY signal heard in response to
a "QRL?" means the freq is busy, of course. ;-)
Too bad some folks need to hear their personally
chosen "magic password" before they'll accept a
freq is busy, though.

I usually respond with the textbook "QRL DE AB7TT".
Not very exciting, but it seems to get the point
across in a very direct manner. :) On a good day
I'll append "TU" to be pleasant.

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It's 106 miles to Chicago, we've got a full tank of gas, half
a pack of cigarettes, it's dark, and we're wearing sunglasses."
"Hit it!" -The Blues Brothers

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:22:12 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35489] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)

Message-ID: <199903140622.XAA25121@usr04.primenet.com>

Oh, on a side note, I once sent "QRL?" and someone out in the ether sent "NO". Just about fell on the floor laughing. :-) Good intentions, of course, but the way propagation works, rarely accurate. ;-)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It happens sometimes. People just explode. Natural causes." -Repo Man

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 23:26:41 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: sda@bellsouth.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35490] Re: K4MSW/AG
Message-ID: <199903140626.XAA25213@usr04.primenet.com>

Howdy Todd,

> Woop! Passed the general last Thursday night.

WAHOO! Way to go dude! Many congrats to ya, and sure hope to get you in the log soon! (If I didn't manage to catch ya in the Novice sub-band already).

Please don't forget to check into 30M. It's a great band - 200W limit, and General/Advanced hams get FULL access to the ENTIRE band. DX all over the place when you learn when to look for it! 17M should be good most of the time too.

Nice way to get a jump on collecting DX QSL cards. :-)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It happens sometimes. People just explode. Natural causes." -Repo Man

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 00:36:25 -0700 (MST)
From: Paul Harden <pharden@aoc.nrao.edu>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35491] QRPTTF Prelim. Info
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.990314003408.12375A-100000@zia>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Gang,

The official rules for NorCal's QRP TO THE FIELD (QRPTTF) will be posted very soon by contestmeister Joe, AB7TT as soon as this years rules are finalized and approved by Doug when he gets back from Ft. Smith, AR., but here is a sneak preview for those wanting to start planning.

PRELIMINARY INFO -- 1999 QRP TO THE FIELD

CONTEST PERIOD: Saturday, April 24, 1999 - from 1600 to 2400 UTC.

THE THEME will be "Run to the Borders" Part II, very similar to last year's, where you operate from a state border for an additional multiplier.

DISCUSSION: This is the 5th annual QRPTTF, which is primirily a "to the field" contest - the field day for QRPers - though we have added a HOME and DX category this year and a "special" border multiplier (see below). It is to encourage QRPers to get together and have fun, both on-the-air and off. All operating rules are for CONTEST PURPOSES ONLY. Conformance to other things, like DXCC and WAS is not implied.

DX STATIONS: This will be the first QRPTTF with good propagation on the higher bands, and thus the first year QRPTTF could be a "global event." Thus, QRPTTF is open to all DX stations in the hope you will participate from either your home, or a field location, and join the fun. DX stations receive an additional times 2 multiplier.

BORDER STATIONS are those that operate from a state line or the XE/VE border. Your exchange will include all the states/provinces/countries (SPC) involved, such as "599 NM/CO" or "599 WA/VE7." You in turn multiply your final score by the number of SPC's sent in the exchange. Operate from as close as feasible to the state line/border without risking your welfare or safety. For borders passing through bodies of water, operate from either shore. This does not, however, include bodies of water, say California and Japan as the shores ... sorry Bob, N6WG (but great idea though!)

CATEGORIES:

FIELD: Any station operating from "the field." Antennas must be erected on the site, you provide the power, etc.

HOME: Operation from your home or fixed station site, permanent antennas, etc. This is to allow the HOME stations to compete with eachother.

DX: Any station not in the contiguous U.S., including VE, AK and HI

MULTI-OP: Two or more operators using a single call sign.

SCORING:

5 points for each domestic QSO/SPC

EX: You work CQ, that's 5 pts.; you work a CQ/WY, that's 10 points

10 points for each DX QSO ...including VE, HI and AK

MULTIPLIERS:

x4 for FIELD stations

x2 for HOME stations

x2 for DX stations

xK where K= number of SPC's in YOUR exchange

EX: CQ/WY = 2 WA/VE = 2 CA/AZ/NV = 3 (maximum of 4)

SCORE: Add your QSO points then multiply by the appropriate multipliers

** SPECIAL "RUN TO THE BORDERS" CATEGORY **

How desperate are you for a 2 point multiplier? If you have no shame, then this category is for you!!!

You will be allowed to claim a 2-state border if you operate from near a TACO BELL RESTAURANT. To qualify for this special TACO BELL multiplier, you must submit a photograph of your operation with your logs that shows both your station and the Taco Bell in the photo. Thus, you need not be in the parking lot necessarily, but as long as your station is close enough to a Taco Bell to be in the "field of view" of the photo. And yes, photos may be published in QRPP. Each Taco Bell has a store number; you must ask for and record the Taco Bell store number on your entry.

If you do this, you sign your state/TACO BELL in your exchange.

EXAMPLE: In New York, your exchange would be "NY/TACO BELL."

If you WORK a Taco Bell station, it counts as 2 SPC's (that is, 10 points)

So get together with some QRP buddies and participate in QRP To The Field. Make an excursion out of it, or a camping trip, and have as much fun off the air as you do on the air.

Remember, this is a hobby; don't be embarrassed to have some FUN!

72,

Paul NA5N

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 03:43:21 EST
From: DYARNES@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35492] Re: RED HOT
Message-ID: <b051cdb3.36eb76a9@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 3/13/99 11:32:49 AM !!!First Boot!!!, w5jay@alltel.net writes:

<< After Doug's plane ride from Hell >>

Surely he didn't think it was going to be EASY to get to Ft. Smith did he???
My guess is at least one plane (very possibly two) change and lord knows how many stops! Anyway, hope the gathering was a big success.

Dave W7AQK

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 04:35:09 -0800
From: "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>
To: <k3tks@u1.abs.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35493] Re: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
Message-ID: <199903141150.EAA23878@srv.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The main reason I get World Radio over the other pubs is because of the QRP section 72 Cal KF7ET

> From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Subject: Re: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
> Date: Saturday, March 13, 1999 7:06 PM
>
> I also received my copy today, read the best part already. :^)
> QRP Column of course. :^)
>
> Mikes comments brought to mind the recent discussion of consideration
> of new publicity ideas.

>
> We should definately consider World Radio as One of the QRP Advert spots.
>
> You might also note that many QRP Vendors also Chose that publication.
>
>
> Sir George, The First :^)
>
> 72 ES
> QRP DX TU (C) 1986, G. "Danny" Gingell, K3TKS@ abs.net
> QRP A.R.C.I. Net Manager and Board of Director Member.
> Gingell & Company, Ltd. Small Business Telephone Systems
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> George D. Gingell, Jr. 3052 Fairland Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904-7117
> Maryland Milliwatt Club QRP Reference Library, (301)572-6789
> Maryland Milliwatt Club Founder and Trustee of Club Station - WQ3RP -
> Grid Square FM19mb 76.94 W - 39.06 N Silver Spring, MD 20904 QRPea.A.
>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 05:59:20 -0600
From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@unicomp.net>
To: N9DD@aol.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35494] Re:QRL response
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19990314055920.006a0fc8@mail.unicomp.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Todd and group

>"R" or reply with another "QRL". What do most of you guys use in response

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When sending QRL I listen for any sort of response and try again if I hear something other than Y or C that may be one.

72/73, Chuck, W5USJ, Point, TX EM22cv -- ARCI #5422 QRP-L #1306

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 12:20:34 -0500
From: wa8rxi@juno.com
To: N9DD@aol.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [35495] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <19990314.122945.-74227.0.wa8rxi@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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>send an
>"R" or reply with another "QRL". What do most of you guys use in
>response to a "QRL?"

=====
I use "C". But, I believe all three are usable.

There are several publications that you can obtain CW abbreviations from.

- 1) The ARRL Handbook (1998) CH. 30 References Page 30.52
- 2) The ARRL had an OPAID 9B, mine is dated 2-72
- 3) The ARRL Operating Manual. I have a 1980 copy.

I'm sure there are other publications out there that we can glean the
CW abbreviations from.

Rick - WA8RXI Taylor, MI.

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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 06:10:38 -0700
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35496] Re:QRL response
Message-ID: <01e801be6e1c\$124c9120\$88a8a3cc@S&P.www.webaccess.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Isdit - ditdit or "IE" still used?

Back in my NTS days I heard it used as a shorter of version of QRL
alot. Don't hear it much now.

TU & 72/73 ...Steve/n tu-Monument,CO

-----Original Message-----

From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@unicomp.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Sunday, March 14, 1999 4:49 AM
Subject: Re:QRL response

>Todd and group

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>72/73, Chuck, W5USJ, Point, TX EM22cv -- ARCI #5422 QRP-L #1306

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 08:21:47 -0500

From: "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>

To: <vole@primenet.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [35497] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)

Message-ID: <004101be6e1d\$a6fc1d80\$010044c0@mdp23b>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

>Oh, on a side note, I once sent "QRL?" and someone
>out in the ether sent "NO". Just about fell on the

>floor laughing. :-) Good intentions, of course, but
>the way propagation works, rarely accurate. ;-)

Sometimes I've been tempted, but as you say, because of propagation you rarely actually know.

Still, if the station responding had just signed with someone from near your QTH, he probably has a better feel than anyone.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://users.tm.net/jjmcd/>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 08:37:00 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <jjmcd@tm.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35498] Off-topic - Quoting (long)
Message-ID: <004701be6e1f\$b71e2440\$010044c0@mdp23b>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

After the thread on quoting, how much to quote or not quote, I had to repost this here.

Apologize for the length.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://users.tm.net/jjmcd/>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

Newsgroups: rec.humor.funny
From: pjie2@hermes.cam.ac.uk (Peter Ellis)
Subject: To quote, or not to quote
Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 19:30:00 PST
Lines: 51

To quote, or not to quote;
That is the question.
Whether 'tis cluefuller on the Net to re-post
The tos and fros of diverse opinions,
Or to take arms against such attributions,
And, by excision, end them.

To trim, to snip:
No more, and by a snip to say we end
The widows and the thousand orphaned words
That posts are heir to, 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished.

To trim, to snip.
To snip, perchance too much. Ay, there's the rub,
For in that joyous chop the sense we lose
When we have taken out the fluff and dross
Must give us pause.

There's the factor
That makes calamity of so long threads.
For who would bear the tos and fros of chat,
Th' cascader's screed, the geek's anality,
The pain of misplac d tags, the reeking trolls,
The cliquiness of in-jokes, and the flames
That studied satire draws from clueless fools,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a mere bobbit?

Who would cudgel brains
To write a piece, witty and thoughtful too,
But that the hope of making people laugh,
That bless d gift of humour from whose touch
No traveller is safe, spurs on the soul,
And makes us rather bear those ills we read
Than carve them up, and mayhap lose the joke?

Thus conscience does make cowards of us all,
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And Usenet posters of great sense and content
In this confusion quote more than they should,
And lose the name of Clueful.

Read you, now,
The fair Emilia! [1] Nymph, in thy reminders
Be all my posts remembered.

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:47:48 -0500
From: pmk@juno.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35499] FS 1 Curtis 8043 and 1 Curtis 8044ABM chips
Message-ID: <19990314.134749.3566.1.pmk@juno.com>

I was looking for some soldering iron tips and ran across these. I believe they were picked up from a hamfest (one of those must haves) I remember giving 20 buks for the 8044 but cant remember what I gave for the 8043.

A crisp 20 will take them both to the first reply.

72 de Patrick KD4OBQ

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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 02:13:20 -0800
From: ka1iic <ka1iic@ime.net>
To: smann@advi.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35500] Re: You're not in the book...
Message-ID: <36EB8BC0.38E0@ime.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Steve wrote:

> my N4EY call. A new ham was calling CQ CQ CQ on a 2m repeater. When I
> answered him he had me repeat my call three times before he advised me
> that there was no such thing as 1X2 call letters and that I was
> obviously a fake. He then began calling CQ CQ CQ on the repeater again.

Hummmm!!! calling CQ on a repeater? interesting. Hey guys, my newest
callbook is 1968 and very few are in that book...

Should I be using the book?

have a good day and a better tomorrow!

73
Vince
ka1iic
-.-.-

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 08:31:52 -0600
From: W5TB <w5tb@softhome.net>
To: wa8rxi@juno.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35501] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19990314083152.0075cfe4@pop.SoftHome.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 12:20 PM 3/14/99 -0500, wa8rxi@juno.com wrote:

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>>send an
>>"R" or reply with another "QRL". What do most of you guys use in
>>response to a "QRL"?
>=====

>I use "C". But, I believe all three are usable.

I agree -- C TU seems to work pretty well

73 T.E. 'Doc' Drake W5TB

Arlington, TX w5tb@softhome.net <http://www.qsl.net/w5tb/>
NORCAL ZOMBIE ARRL Life Member QRPARCI # 3252
QRP-L #673 FISTS # 5365

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 09:32:37 -0500
From: "Paul Christensen" <paulc@mediaone.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35502] Fw: Mercury Key
Message-ID: <049501be6e27\$82a3b7e0\$eb2d8118@se.mediaone.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A reply from Bencher concerning the Mercury Key...

----- Original Message -----
From: Bencher Inc <bencher@ameritech.net>
To: Paul Christensen <paulc@mediaone.net>

Sent: Sunday, March 14, 1999 8:11 AM
Subject: Re: Mercury Key

>We are planning to begin assembling Mercury Paddles in April.
>170-82 MERCURY PADDLE \$495.00 plus freight and applicable taxes.Orders may
>be placed by mail, e-mail, phone or fax.
>Visa/Master Card accepted.
>
>--
>Michael
>
>Bencher Inc
>831 N Central Ave
>Wood Dale IL 60191-1219
>
>630.238.1183 Fax 630.238.1186
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>bencher@bencher.com
><http://www.bencher.com>
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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 09:32:43 EST
From: N9DD@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35503] Re: 'QRL? --- NO
Message-ID: <ad161971.36ebc88b@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang

Joe Vole wrote:

<<

Oh, on a side note, I once sent "QRL?" and someone
out in the ether sent "NO". Just about fell on the
floor laughing. :-) >>

Actually, I've heard a "No" answer to "QRL?" requests quite often; I've even

given them myself.

If I am sitting at the operating desk, reading or something, with the radio on, I may have been listening to a quiet frequency for quite a while. Or I may have just finished a QSO and know that the frequency is now available. If I hear a "QRL ?" in these situations I often send a "N" and often follow with a "GA" for "Go Ahead". I've started a lot of QSOs that way.

Tom N9DD
South Bend, IN

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 09:41:30 -0500
From: "Paul Helbert, Wv3j" <phelbert@rica.net>
To: jjmcd@tm.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35504] Re: Off-topic - Quoting (long)
Message-ID: <36EBCA9A.C1020A63@rica.net>
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Bravo!

Just as The Bard originally presented his work for the eyes
and ears of theater goers, this poem MUST BE read aloud.
Goto, 'tis fun.

Paul, Wv3j
near Harrisonburg, VA (home of Shenandoah Shakespeare
Express)

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 07:48:10 -0700 (MST)
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.edu (William R Colbert)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35505] Re: "You're not in the book..."(QRL?)
Message-ID: <199903141448.HAA08353@rgfn.epcc.edu>

Looks like I still can't get thru the provider with my messages
done in the Netscape message section. Sorry if a duplication.

I remember when I first got my call in 1975 or 76 - first issues of the X suffixes by the FCC and had a few of the pirate comments too. Don't be discouraged and chalk it up to someone(?) that is unimformed.

Regarding the response to QRL? R is used for Received, Roger, Yes, C as used on the commercial/government cw circuits means Confirmed, as in confirming a statement to be correct, and is also used for Yes. And when it is not recognized by the sending station, a very slowly sent Y E S will sometimes work. Too bad the ARRL stopped printing the Learning the Radiotelegraph Code a few years ago - it had a lot of the terms and usages therein. Including the differences of how to separate city from state by using a comma, not the slantbar as is now becoming more frequent. Just some of the things that no longer get taught to the newcomers as it used to be.

Joe - I am often monitoring the calling freq while doing something else and have sent a response of no to a calling station that has asked if the freq is busy. Sometimes that results in a nice qso - not the orthodox way of starting, but

Soapbox closed.

73

Ray

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Ray Colbert, W5XE
OOTC 3618, SOWP 1064M
El Paso, Tx (FAR WEST TEXAS!)
also: w5xe@juno.com

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 09:51:13 -0500
From: Tom Palmer <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35506] FCC - New Test for All Classes
Message-ID: <36EBCCE1.AAFFA0AA@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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>From World Radio, April 1999 edition:

FCC ANNOUNCES NEW TESTING PROCEDURES

In an effort to bolster declining numbers in the Amateur Radio service, a new testing procedure will be implemented for pro-

spective Amateur Radio operators,
beginning 01 April 2000. Due to the success
of the VE program, the FCC has decided to
take the concept one step further. New testing
facilities will be opened in shopping centers, most
facilities, and local 7-11 convenience stores.
* * * The examinee will fill out his/her name
on the top of the test form, and then proceed
with a five question exam. The FCC has released
the question pool for the new test, and we present
it below:

What is your name? _____
(Hint: see top of this form for help)

What is the purpose of plugging a power cord into
an outlet?

- A. Stop air leaks entering the room,
- B. It's the only place on the wall where the plug
will fit.
- C. To obtain electricity for various battery-powered
appliances and equipment.
- D. None of the above.

What is the purpose of the "On/Off switch" on a piece
of equipment?

- A. Turn it on.
- B. Turn it off.
- C. None of the above.

What does the term "re-boot" mean?

- A. Buy a new pair of boots.
- B. Perform an accepted form of testing
equipment by kicking it.
- C. None of the above.

What is the proper method of identification for an
Amateur Radio Station using voice transmission?

- A. "My name's Bubba. What's yours?"
- B. "This is W_ABC for ID"
- C. Not required. Let them guess who!
- d. None of the above.

What is the proper way to spell "Amateur Radio?"

To be fair, license class will be awarded by
test results, as listed below:

# of correct answers	License Class
None	Novice
one	Technician
two	General
three	Advanced
four	Extra

Five correct answers will qualify the examinee
to become a certifiable bureaucrat.

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Tom, N1TP, Naples, FL.

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 09:53:51 -0500
From: "Ed Pacyna" <pacyna@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35507] FS: Misc. (Antenna tuner, SWR Power Meter, Filters, Kits etc.)
Message-ID: <001301be6e2a\$79a39cc0\$9cf44e0c@ed>

1. Antenna Tuner

L network (can match low or high Z) using Johnson 18 uH rotary inductor,
B&W turns counter, Johnson 250 pF variable capacitor.
professionally constructed in grey cabinet (good match to commercial
equipment) 4.5"H x 6"W x 8"D. Handles QRP to 1KW. Price \$115 + Ship

2. Build a Binaural I-Q Receiver

(2) R1 (2.5 x 3.5 inch) printed circuit boards containing an SBL-1 diode
ring mixer, bandpass filtering and low distortion audio amplifier. With
an appropriate local oscillator and input tuned circuit (see QST March
99) they can serve as a Binaural direct conversion receiver for
frequencies between 1 and 500 MHz. Detailed circuit description and
construction information for the R1 is in QST August 99 and ARRL
Handbook. includes parts overlay. Price for both is \$15 + ship.

Datakit Model 21-059 Stereo Pre-Amplifier Kit. Amplify low level audio signals 50X. Includes PCB, all parts, instruction book. Requires 12V CD power. Price \$10 + ship.

3. Fox Tango high performance crystal filters for FT-301 or FT-7

New boxed 250 Hz CW filters. Model 91H250, center frequency 8999.3 MHz, Input/Output Z = 500 ohms. Price is \$75 + ship.

4. New MFJ 815B Deluxe HF peak reading SWR/Wattmeter Price is \$35 + Ship

5. (2) PCB's for Active Filter described on pages 68 & 69 in W1FB's QRP Notebook. Price for both is \$5 + Ship

6. DataKit Model 80-340 3 1/2 digit LCD Panel Meter Kit

Uses 7106 IC (A to D) and 3 1/2 LCD display. Includes PCB, parts and instructions w/ applications notes to measure voltage, current or R. price is \$20 + ship.

7. DataKit Model 80-010 3 digit Panel Meter and Counter Module Kits

Uses Motorola 14553 and 14553 IC's and 3 digit .6" LED display. Have 2 available which can be cascaded for 6 digit counter. Use as is as an event counter or with addition of simple time base and control logic can be frequency counter. Price is \$10 each + ship.

8. New MFJ 287 and MFJ 286 Speaker Mikes Price is \$10 each + ship

9. Ramsey Model SA-7 Broadband RF Amplifier Kits

20dB gain from 100 KHz to 1.3 GHz. Excellent review in Feb. 90 73 Magazine. PCB, parts and instructions. Have 2 available at \$10 each + ship.

10. Drake SL-1800 1.8 KHz, 5.645MHz crystal filter w/ 5.6438 MHz HC-18U off-set crystal. Input/output Z = 50 ohms. Price is \$85 + ship

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 15:18:48 -0500

From: pmk@juno.com

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [35508] I am not in the book eh ??? hum mm

Message-ID: <19990314.151848.3566.0.pmk@juno.com>

I can't believe with all the callbooks on the internet that someone still uses a callbook or even worries about it.

I used to be a traffic hound years ago (phone) but at one of the traffic handlers meetings a few big wigs were telling me about the best CW op that was affiliated with us. He was a real hound and at any speed was flawless. No one ever thought to look him up in the callbook for years then all of a sudden he was never heard from again. When he didn't show up for a week or two someone tried to track him down and discovered that the callsign was never issued.

The moral of the story is not all of us are worried about looking one's callsign up as we won't work lids anyway.

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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:20:26 -0500
From: Thomas Isgro <kc8dgu@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
To: n1tp@worldnet.att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35509] Re: FCC - New Test for All Classes
Message-ID: <36EBD3BA.7889@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hey Tom,

Shoulda waited a couple of weeks.

Does seem like this is where we're heading doesn't it.

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73 de
K8CZ
Tom Isgro

OHIO

<http://www.qsl.net/ki8cz>

10-X #68364 SCI #1479 QRP-L #945 ARS #203 ARCI #9606
C.A.T.T #2115 FIST #2360 NORCAL #2113 ARRL

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 09:33:13 -0600
From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@unicomp.net>
To: jjmcd@tm.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35510] Re: Off-topic - Quoting (long)
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19990314093313.006a1350@mail.unicomp.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Now, that's a keeper

<<snip>>
>To quote, or not to quote;
>That is the question.
<<snip>>

72/73, Chuck, W5USJ, Point, TX EM22cv -- ARCI #5422 QRP-L #1306

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:30:30 -0800
From: w4bws@juno.com
To: pmk@juno.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35511] Re: FS 1 Curtis 8043 and 1 Curtis 8044ABM chips
Message-ID: <19990314.103049.-156519.1.w4bws@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Patrick, I will send you 20 if you send your address.
Thanks
Don Sanders W4BWS

694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd
Satellite Beach ,FL 32937
My favorite QRP rig glows in the dark

On Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:47:48 -0500 pmk@Juno.Com writes:

>I was looking for some soldering iron tips and ran
>across these. I believe they were picked up from a
>hamfest (one of those must haves) I remember
>giving 20 buks for the 8044 but cant remember what
>I gave for the 8043.

>

>A crisp 20 will take them both to the first reply.

>

>72 de Patrick KD4OBQ

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>AR

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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:36:47 -0500
From: "Paul Helbert, Wv3j" <phelbert@rica.net>
To: N9DD@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35512] Re: 'QRL? --- NO
Message-ID: <36EBD78F.9A2FDE37@rica.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>"GA" for "Go Ahead"

Hey, I thought that meant "Go Away".

Paul, Wv3j

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 07:44:23 -0800 (PST)
From: Jim Hale <sunwatt@go.com>
To: Bigbob97@aol.com
Cc: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35513] Re: Need suggestions for 10/15M Yagi
Message-ID: <0F8L00JR2CUDC5@mta3.infoseekmail.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; CHARSET=US-ASCII

---Bigbob97@aol.com
wrote:---

>Hi Jim,
>Sorry to hear about your quad. I am about to start putting up a 10 and 15
>and 6 two el. quad as soon as the wx gets warmer. What brand was yours? And
>did the fibreglass rods break? I found a >fairly inexpensive outfit in PA.

I wonder if thats "Lightning Bolt"?

Thats where I got this many years ago. I bought the 10M quad converted it to 11M before I was a ham. After I became a ham I put it back on 10M. The first ice we got broke the alluminum spreaders. So I made the spreader holes slightly bigger so I could use EMT tubeing vs the stock alluminum. The 1/2" EMT took the original fiberglass spreaders fine.

There held in by cutting X's on the ends of the EMT and small hose clamps. The EMT spreaders were made long enuf so I could fit
15M on there too. I put holes in the fiberglass and heve a 10/15M quad!

This time my EMT spreaders broke clean off, fiberglass is fine.

>They sell quads, maybe also yagis. I'll look up the URL and send it to you.
>They advertise in QST and are fairly easy to deal with. Naturally, I know
>nothing about their product as mine isn't up yet! A few guys on QRP-L said
>they were OK. Not a "professional" factory. Hand drawn sketches, etc. but it
>looks like they know what they are doing. I think I sent them \$130 for a ten
>and fifteen and six meter quad. Seemed cheap but I got all the parts and wire
>- I think it's stainless. I think the company is Volta or something like
>that. I'll get back to you. 73,

I had many good years with my Lighning Bolt quad. I highly recommend them - You get good gain, and your on the air for years, and CHEAP!

I probably will rebuild my quad one more time, but a Force 12 is in the future I

think.

If its not Lightning Bolt they may still be fine. At that price you wont lose much. And you'll gain allot of experience.

GL, de Jim KJ5TF

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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:54:47 -0500
From: VE3JC - John C <jbcumming@wwdc.com>
To: cait.martin@ibm.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35514] Re: Thinking about an Outpost tripod
Message-ID: <36EBDBC7.2FD8D51A@wwdc.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
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Hi Caity,

Well before Outbacker introduced the Outpost tripod, I had built essentially the same thing out of a large aluminum camera tripod. You can find some real beauties at fleamarkets or junk stores. Total cost in my case was under \$10 for the tripod and a standard mobile antenna mount, which I mounted on the flat base (where the camera would normally go). You can "bond" the aluminum legs to the base with alligator clips, and add clip-on extension radials (which serve the same purpose as the Outpost's aluminum plates, that is, simulating the "car" that would normally be the ground plane).

Keep in mind, I use the outbacker primarily for my bicycle mobile, where I don't have any other practical choice for multiband capability. I built the tripod for the fun of experimenting with the outbacker from fixed locations, but I don't think I'd ever take the Outbacker and the tripod backpacking - an end-fed wire antenna (complete with tuner and counterpoise) will perform as well or better, and is much more transportable. But since you already have the Outbacker, have some fun and build a tripod yourself, saving some big bucks. By the way, I've used a clip on capacitance hat on my Outbacker for operation at the low

end of some bands - 10 minutes to make - see January QrpQuarterly for a photo.

Let me know if you want any more info on mine.

Vy 73 & 72, JC

Caitlyn M. Martin wrote:

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> it occurred to me that I

> could, instead, put my Outbacker on one of their Outpost tripods, and this

> this would work from the apartment for now, and might also be useful long

> term for portable ops.

		VE3JC John Cumming
Q		Delaware, ON CANADA
/\		jbcumming@wwdc.com
@` / ----		hf qrp cw bicycle mobile
() \ ()		http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/7378/

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:36:27 -0600

From: "Mike =?ISO-8859-1?Q?N=D8WDM"?= <michaelbstjames@email.msn.com>

To: <MAIL4GARY@worldnet.att.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [35515] Re: No Contests on 30M

Message-ID: <005f01be6e38\$cfc264c0\$683c0b3f@default>

Gary ... I have to agree. I'm beginning to love contesting but I like the idea of the "preserve" on the WARC bands.

Mike n wdm Minnesota

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary McCaughey <MAIL4GARY@worldnet.att.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Date: Saturday, March 13, 1999 8:57 PM

Subject: No Contests on 30M

>Thank god there is at least one safe haven on a contest weekend! (Sorry

>Alan)

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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 12:09:57 -0500
From: "Richard Hensel" <rrhensel@sprintmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35516] FS Heath Dip meter Model 1250
Message-ID: <014c01be6e3d\$7e0882e0\$151fbfa8@home>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Posting for a friend.

Heath Dip meter model 1250
All original, 1 owner, built in 1975.

Includes original manual and all coils.

\$45 shipped CONUS

Respond to Richard Heindel WB8KRN
rheindel@sprintmail.com

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 11:57:28 EST
From: K2UD@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35517] Re: ReProper response to QRL?
Message-ID: <cb4548d9.36ebee78@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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R in CW means roger or I will comply. C means yes or correct.
R is also used as a decimal point, such as CU on 3R579 MHZ--.

72

Howard Kraus, K2UD

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 11:15:16 -0600
From: Glen Reid <k5fx@flash.net>
To: QRP-1 <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [35518] Results of my QRP-1/ARRL survey.

Message-ID: <36EBEEA4.D7775D20@flash.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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The results are in for my informal ARRL membership survey of the QRP-1.

ARRL members	147	81.7 %
Not ARRL members	33	18.3 %

I will leave interpretation of this information to each of you.
Agin, I make no claims for scientific accuracy or reliability.

73 es gl

gr

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GLEN REID

K5FX/M BGF

Austin...in the beautiful hill country of TEXAS...

Austin QRP Club # Pi

Email: k5fx@flash.net

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 11:19:45 -0600

From: sholisky@ktca.org (Scott Holisky)

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [35519] Re: 'You're not in the book...' (QRL?)

Message-ID: <fc.000f548a00418379000f548a00418379.41837e@ktca.org>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Thanks for the chuckle. I still wonder what goes through the minds of those poor few who show up on the fox frequency and call "qrl" only to be blasted by many versions of YES! Gotta believe they just turn off the rig and go watch TV :).

FYI - Sending yes or c is still a lot shorter than my first choice: " You bet".

Har har- Scott NOAR

Nr St.Paul, MN

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 11:45:26 -0600
From: "Bob Gobrick" <rgobrick@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Mike Czuhajewski" <wa8mcq@erols.com>, "Rich Fisher" <ki6sn@aol.com>
Cc: "QRP forum" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, "Buck Switzer" <n8cqa@tir.com>, "Cam Bailey" <kt3a@juno.com>, "Danny Gingell" <k3tks@abs.net>, "Dave Johnson" <wa4nid@amsat.org>, "George Heron" <n2apb@amsat.org>, "Hank Kohl" <k8dd@contesting.com>, "Jim Stafford" <W4Q0@amsat.org>,
Subject: [35520] RE: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio
Message-ID: <000201be6e42\$71ba8a60\$6aa64b0c@w6f0e4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Richard,

Congratulations on your 7th year at World Radio. I have to admit that, like others, I first turn to your QRP column when Worldradio arrives and I EVEN SKIP going to Kurt N Sterba's Aerials column.

Cheers 73/72 Bob NOEB

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Czuhajewski [mailto:wa8mcq@erols.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 1999 7:36 PM
To: Rich Fisher
Cc: QRP forum; Bob Gobrick; Buck Switzer; Cam Bailey; Danny Gingell; Dave Johnson; George Heron; Hank Kohl; Jim Stafford; Ken Evans; Mike Czuhajewski; Monte Stark; Preston Douglas; Bruce Musolino; Chris Trask; Joe Gervais; Larry East; Rich Fisher; Cam Hartford; Jay Miller; Les Shattuck; Steve Pituch; Steve Slavsky
Subject: Six years of KI6SN QRP columns in Worldradio

Rich, I just got my April issue of Worldradio today, and I agree with your opening statement that it's hard to believe you're now starting your seventh year as their QRP columnist. It seems like just yesterday that you took it over from Rich Arland, K7SZ (nee K7YHA), who himself had it for, what, five or six years after he took over from Fred Bonavita, W5QJM.

Worldradio has been a real supporter of QRP over the years, with a QRP column every month for what seems like forever. Having QRP right up there with all the other columns, issue after issue, really sends a message to the general ham public that QRP is an interesting, worthwhile and very active niche of ham radio with a lot of followers.

I've really enjoyed your column over the years, as well as your Member News column in the QRP Quarterly, both of which have always been very interesting and extremely well written. Definitely a cut above, as is everything you've written for the Adventure Radio Society online journal, the Sojourner.

And here's a shameless plug for Worldradio, in which I have no other interest than as a longtime reader. It's a really nice monthly, with lots of news, articles and columns on a variety of ham topics such as 10-10, computers, contests, DX, mobile, propagation, QRP, SAR, youth, YL, county hunting, satellites, QCWA, MARS, handi-hams, RFI, CW, etc. (Not all columns appear monthly, although QRP does.)

Not in the least stuffy, always lots of good, interesting articles on a lot of things, and the price is quite reasonable (\$15 a year in the US). You can take a look at their web page at www.wr6wr.com. I tried it tonight and not everything on it works at the moment since they're undergoing some changes and upgrades. However, you can pull down samples of their columns if you wish.

Warning--don't expect super-slick, ultra-white paper :-) It's printed on newsprint. When my first subscription copy arrived, my wife almost threw it out with the junk mail! She thought it was some sort of advertising. Now she knows better :-) Everyone's tastes vary, of course, but I find that I usually spend a lot more time reading Worldradio than I do QST. Definitely worth checking out.

(Don't expect a lot of build-it articles. They do have some on rare occasions, like the nifty QRP accessory by W7DE in the March issue, but not much. If that's your main interest in ham radio, you'll be disappointed. It's more of a good, folksy, informative newsmagazine, for lack of a better term. And I've enjoyed the heck out of it for quite a few years.)

And again, my thanks to Rich for all the excellent QRP writing he's done over the years, both in the QRP Quarterly and in the mainstream ham press. It's greatly appreciated.

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73 and Queue Our Pea de WA8MCQ wa8mcq@erols.com
President, QRP ARCI

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 12:03:46 -0600
From: guillotstutoring@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35521] Re: Left-hand vs Right-handed toroids
Message-ID: <19990314.120346.-823417.1.guillotstutoring@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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You can still use it in the Northern Hemisphere...Just turn the windings
inside out ;)
Ed Guillot, N5ED
New Orleans, LA

>If you're in the Southern Hemisphere, it's OK to wind them
>left-handed.
>But, if you later bring the rig to the Northern Hemisphere, you won't
>be able to talk to anyone.
>
>It's like that thing with the toilet bowl.
>
>[snicker]
>
>Peter, KA1AXY
>
>
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Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:20:18 -0500 (EST)
From: James Skalski <jskalski@localnet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [35522] FS cross-needle meters
Message-ID:
<Pine.LNX.4.04.9903141310080.12266-1000000@valhalla.valhalla.buffalo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have some brand new cross-needle meters. They were made to go in AEA antenna tuners and swr/wattmeters. They are the same ones used in MFJ meters. The forward scales is 0-300W and the reverse/reflected scale is 0-60W. Unlike usual meters this is two meters in one. A SWR scale is between the two scales and allows you to calculate SWR simultaneously. Dimensions are 2.8" square. the meter scale and panel opening size is 2.54" wide by 1.78" high.

This meter could conceivably be used for 0-3,0-30,0-300 or 0-3000watts. You can use any of the published meter circuits to finish off the meter. This saves you the trouble of putting calibration marks on your own meter. These are very sharp looking and can be backlit since they have a translucent back.

Cost is \$12 plus shipping. (priority mail is \$3.20)

73,

Jim n2go

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:34:52 -0400
From: "Caitlyn M. Martin" <cait.martin@ibm.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35523] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <199903141835.SAA33844@out1.ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

On Sun, 14 Mar 1999 04:02:38 +0000, Walter D. Amos wrote:

>My god! What BOOK, do they still produce callbooks? I thought those
>thing went to CD rom year ago?

Yes, but I thought the CD-ROM went out with online services like QRZ.com :) Despite perceptions, I do think a lot of hams are very up-to-date on technology, even if they use a "historic" mode of communication like CW. I also find the majority of hams are willing to learn, which I'm not sure is true of the majority of the population.

> Welcome to the world of DX
>POLICEMEN , you have found where they get there training

Does it take any training at all? I thought this kind of stupidity came naturally. Fortunately, it is a very small majority indeed.

73,

Caity

KU4QD

(who was accused of being a bootlegger several times when she first got licensed :)

Caitlyn M. Martin	"They have computers... and may have
cait.martin@ibm.net	other weapons of mass
http://www.caitys-world.com	destruction" -Janet Reno

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:41:34 -0800
From: "Bruce" <Bruce2@prodigy.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35524] World Radio
Message-ID: <000301be6e4a\$4a0920a0\$b0809cd1@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Can some send me a URL for World Radio. My browser can't seem to find it.
I am thinking of subscribing.
Thanks,

Bruce WB4WZL

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 12:48:32 -0600
From: Jay Bromley <w5jay@alltel.net>
To: sunwatt@go.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35525] Re: New email address for KJ5TF
Message-ID: <36EC047F.5AB03890@alltel.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jim,
I have a Tennadyne T-10 up for about 4 years. The first year up we got an ice storm that put 2 inches of ice all around the elements. The antenna look like a weeping willow. After it warm up the elements came right back. It been though a lot of high wind guest and noproblemo.
73 de w5jay..

Jim Hale wrote:

> Numerous problems, so I unsubscribed to QRP-L and re-subscribed at this web based email address. The more firewalls the better, even if it slows things down for me - its safer.
>
> BTW, every few years my antenna farm gets wiped out by ice. Again last night my 10/15M quad at 70' was distroyed. Either rebuild stronger, or look for a 10/15M Yagi with no traps. Maybe a Yagi would do better in ice?
>
> And so it goes - Jim KJ5TF AR QRP #2
>
> --
> <http://www.go.com>
>
> -----
> Get your Free GO Network Email address at <http://mail.go.com>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 18:56:01 -0000
From: "Steve Sorrell" <ap036@detroit.freenet.org>
To: <n1tp@worldnet.att.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35526] Re: FCC - New Test for All Classes
Message-ID: <004001be6e4c\$4eebd200\$ce42b3c7@sorrells>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yeah, but can you eat a hot dog and guzzle a slurpee at the same time? huh?
de Steve, W8SFF

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 12:04:09 -0700
From: "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35527] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <001501be6e4d\$73050ac0\$0400a8c0@192.168.0.4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>Does it take any training at all? I thought this kind of stupidity cam
>naturally. Fortunately, it is a very small majority indeed.

About as much smarts as it takes to make ARRL 00! Several years ago I was the recipient of a 00 Warning for not sending my ID every 10 minutes. This really upset me! I call this individual and told him he really needed to pay closer attention to the call signs he heard before sending out these "Un-official" warnings. The guy said "Just a minute..." and went to check on whatever. When he returned he informed me "Yep, that was you KD7VD!" "Bull Crap..." I replied... "On the day you claim I didn't ID I wasn't even on the air. In fact, three months before that date my rig was unplugged and put in the closet some seven feet from the nearest electrical outlet." Didn't matter to this 00 -- I obviously didn't know what I was talking about and needed to learn to ID every 10 minutes. Now, THAT is stupidity to a HIGH degree!!

72 to all...

Ron - KD7VD

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 14:06:03 EST
From: PUNISHER3@aol.com
To: Bruce2@prodigy.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35528] Re: World Radio
Message-ID: <b83af45a.36ec089b@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Sure.. The URL for world radio is www.wr6wr.com

73/72,
Ben
NW7DX

In a message dated 03/14/1999 10:50:50 AM Pacific Standard Time,
Bruce2@prodigy.net writes:

<< Can some send me a URL for World Radio. My browser can't seem to find it.
I am thinking of subscribing.
Thanks,

Bruce WB4WZL
>>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 11:31:12 -0800 (PST)
From: "James O'Keefe" <jimcwxr@svpal.org>
To: Russ Dow <n7dw@garlic.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35529] Re: "You're not in the book..."
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.9903141128020.26562-100000@svpal.svpal.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I have not used "C" much on the bands, but is regularly in use on
NCN-1 of the traffic service, e.g., "QSP Blob City?" and the answer
is "C", unless you don't want Blob City traffic, when the answer becomes
"N". 73 de Jim WE6V FISTS 865

Date: Sat, 13 Mar 1999 15:51:16 +0000
From: Dick Pascoe <Dick@kanga.demon.co.uk>
To: Bob Gobrick <rgobrick@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: GQRP-L <gqrp@onelist.com>, gqrp-l <gqrp-l@blacksheep.org>, qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35530] Re: GQRP - QRP ARCI "Four Days In May 99" March Update
Message-ID: <ZZIfAIA0lo62EwS4@kanga.demon.co.uk>
MIME-Version: 1.0

In message <000101be6ce2\$289dee00\$94884b0c@w6f0e4>, Bob Gobrick
<rgobrick@worldnet.att.net> writes
>* "Vertical Antenna Design & Analysis" by L.B. Cebik, W4RNL

>* "Constructing QRP Equipment" by Rev. George Dobbs, G3RJV
>* "Design of a DSP-based Coherent CW Xcvr" by George Heron, N2APB
>* "QRP Construction Tools & Tricks" by Dick Pascoe, G0BPS

Guy's.

It is almost a month ago that I emailed George to say that I cannot get to Dayton this year.

I note that I am still down as a speaker above.

I am sorry about this but several things are happening. The business (Kanga) is up for sale and I have other financial constraints this year.

It does not preclude next year hopefully.

It will be VERY strange being this side of the pond during the 4DIM.

Best of luck for the event.

TTFN de ..

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Dick Pascoe G0BPS
Kanga Products
Seaview House, Crete Road East
Folkestone CT18 7EG U.K.
Tel 44 (0) 1303 891106
<http://www.kanga.demon.co.uk>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:47:59 -0700
From: "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35531] NC20 Help: AFA not annunciating
Message-ID: <000301be6e5b\$f3001220\$b3ac85ce@davidek>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

Have run into a problem while building my NC20. Just finished the AFA section, but I'm getting no audio from the annunciator. Checked all the voltages and signals on each of the 8 pins of the annunciator chip: got a

100 kHz sig on pins 2 & 3, VFO signal on pins 5 & 6, pin 4 goes low when I press S2 (auto mode), pin 1 has 4.9V, and pin 8's at ground. Pin 7 is at 2.5V DC, just like it's supposed to be. But, when I press the switch, I don't get any AF signal on pin 7 (I'm checking with my RS ProbeScope, a crude o-scope but works great for this kind of thing).

The only conclusion I can draw is that the AFA chip is bad/toasted. Any other ideas? Am I overlooking something?

72 de Dave AB0GO

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:51:42 -0700
From: "David Ek" <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [35532] RE: NC20 Help: AFA not annunciating: NEVER MIND!
Message-ID: <000a01be6e5c\$77b8d100\$b3ac85ce@davidek>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dohhh! Just looked on the NorCal web page at the NC20 kit section. Found my problem--VFO too far off. Never mind...

72 de (sheepish) Dave AB0GO

-----Original Message-----
From: David Ek <ekdave@earthlink.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Date: Sunday, March 14, 1999 1:47 PM
Subject: NC20 Help: AFA not annunciating

>Gang,
>

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>section, but I'm getting no audio from the annunciator. Checked all the
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>other ideas? Am I overlooking something?
>
>72 de Dave AB0GO
>
>

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 13:06:12 -0800
From: "Alan Kaul W6RCL" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35533] Re: World Radio <http://www.wr6wr.com/>
Message-ID: <19990314210610.INVW28153@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The lights are on but almost nobody is home!
Click on the title pages ... i.e. columns, features, etc., and mostly I
received the old ''file not found'' message.

The one column which did load was QRP which had an older 1998 write up
by Richard. But alas, Richard's old call letters are still on the column.

Its one of those places to bookmark and perhaps ''check back often.''

72/73 de alan

Alan Kaul, W6RCL, LaCanada-Flintridge, CA
<http://home.att.net/~alan.kaul/qrp.html>
alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net
w6rcl@amsat.org

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 14:03:09 -0700
From: tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [35534] NC20!
Message-ID: <36EC240D.2D9@eFortress.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRP GANGUE!!!

Just finished the receiver section on the NC20, and tuned it to 14.060 and who do you think I heard?? Yep, ol doc K0EVZ!!!! Hey, that must be a good omen, and that the rest of the rig will go together without a hitch!! Darn, too bad the xmit was not working yet!..So, back to the iron...havin fun!! 72, Tom WB5QYT

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 10:58:37 -0500
From: Rick Sealey <rsealey@InfoAve.Net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35535] WARC Contesting
Message-ID: <4.1.19990314104522.01e06690@mail.infoave.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Joe G. and others brought up several good points about not contesting on the WARC bands, my favorite being they are analogous to a "natural preserve". We all need kind of a sanctuary at times. But there are a couple of other reasons to also be considered as well.

One being they are all relatively small bands with just not much operating room. Also, as far as I know, 30M is still shared with commercial digital services and with its tiny 50KHz spread would lend much to interference from both sides.

OK, that's two posts, my limit for the quarter. See you all later.

72,
Rick - W4SEA
High Point, NC

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 11:01:27 -0500
From: Rick Sealey <rsealey@InfoAve.Net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35536] Re: You're not in the book...
Message-ID: <4.1.19990314101341.01e13330@mail.infoave.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Original messages:

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>
>NA1XX wrote:
>>
>> I sent back "No pirate, extra class...look under my old call
>> KC1WK for 97 book". He sent (still not giving his call) "AS...
>> sri om u are not in book..get off air."
>
>-----Snip-----
>
>I hope you continued to call CQ, and this fruit
>loop moved on to wrapping aluminum foil around
>his head to keep out the alien mind control rays.
>
>Art Bell is back on the air....
>
>Cheers de AB7TT,
>
>-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)
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Hi folks!

Before I engage in any dialog on the air, I establish the validity of the contact by obtaining a call sign before going any further. While this goofball may or may not have been a licensed amateur (you would assume so since they knew CW), I would have been insistent on sending "call?" to him/her a couple of times, and then after not receiving a proper response, gone back to calling CQ and completely ignore anything other than a correct reply from anybody.

Try to put these "alien mind control" types (as Joe says) on the defensive immediately. If you respond to their comments then you end up defending your legal operation to their illegal one, a waste of your time and also encourages them to continue their activities. Seize control and maintain it.

72,
Rick - W4SEA
High Point, NC

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 16:53:15 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: "INTERNET:wb5qyt@eFortress.com" <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
Cc: QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>, "W.D. (Doc) Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [35537] NC20!

Message-ID: <199903141657_MC2-6DD7-7974@compuserve.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Disposition: inline

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tom:

Well glad someone heard me in all the WI contesting :-). No, actually been making QSO's all day. Rig is the Emtech NW-20 at 4 watts to the TNT/2 Window at 33'.

Had a QSO earlier today with Wayne K8FF <VBG> for his very *first* NC-20 QSO. Ironically, it was also my very first with the Emtech. What are the odds? Plus had a QSO a few minutes earlier with Paul W9FF.

Let me know when you are up and running, and I would like to QSO you. Good luck and hope to hear you soon. The NC-20 puts out a great signal.

72,

--Doc Lindsey/K0EVZ

DSBF

PO BOX 7187

Bismarck, ND 58507

70511.3041@compuserve.com

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 21:57:38 -0500

From: pmk@juno.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [35538] <<Sold>> FS 1 Curtis 8043 and 1 Curtis 8044ABM chips

Message-ID: <19990314.215739.3566.1.pmk@juno.com>

The chips are gone.

72 de Patrick KD4OBQ

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or call Juno at (800) 654-JUNO [654-5866]

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 17:39:17 EST
From: MJC191@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [35539] "Not In The Book": Final Thoughts
Message-ID: <dbd4489a.36ec3a95@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
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Dear Gang,

Many thanks to everybody who spoke up with words of encouragement and advice on dealing with the occasional jerk we might meet on the air.

Running into 1 jerk in 20 years is statistically insignificant.

Knowing that there are crowds of friends on this list and the cameraderie we have ("Esprit de QRP"?) is much more significant. It's what ham radio is all about.

This afternoon, I went up to the hill nearby the house for some QRP mobile with my MFJ-9020 and a Hamstick, and worked a bunch of Wisconsin QSO Party animals. Nobody even told me to get off the air. Ahhhhh..relief. I feel so much better now.

72 to all.

NA1XX // Mike
QRP-L # 1588
North Weymouth MA
"When All Else Fails ... CW"

Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 15:13:09 -0800
From: Jerry Parker <jparker@fix.net>
To: qrp-l@LeHigh.edu
Cc: n1yuk@nemaine.com
Subject: [35540] NC20 Want
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.19990314151309.008359a0@fix.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Perley is looking for NorCal 20.

Anyone have one your not going to build.

If so contact Perley at: n1yuk@nemaine.com

Thanks,,,72,,,Jerry...WA6OWR...K

From: "Perley Urquhart" <n1yuk@nemaine.com>
To: <jparker@fix.net>
Subject: QRP rig
Date: Sun, 14 Mar 1999 14:20:13 -0500
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 4.72.3110.1
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V4.72.3110.3

I am just getting interested in QRP. Many of the contacts I have made on HF CW have been using QRP. I'm nearly ready for the challenge. Hi Hi.
Interested in a NORCAL 20 meter rig. Can you put me on to one, I wonder? I see on your web page that they are all spoken for, but if one should be available, I'd love to start with it! Thanks much, and I enjoyed the web page. Sincerely, Perley, N1YUK 73's

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